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Listing and Amendment of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of compiling a playlist of digital audio data files, comprising the steps of:

selecting enabling a user to select a set of digital audio data files in response to a first user input for potential inclusion in the playlist;

enabling the user to determine which of the selected digital audio data files will be included in the playlist by sequentially playing an audio clip from each one of the selected digital audio data files and detecting whether a user input is received while each audio clip is being played; and

including identifying data representative of for the digital audio data file associated with a currently playing audio clip to in the playlist of digital audio data files in response to a second detecting the user input while the currently playing audio clip is being played.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein each audio clip is taken from a predetermined portion of its associated audio data file that is selectable by the user.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein each audio clip is taken from a portion of its associated audio data file according to an audio clip parameter of an associated data tag of the audio data file.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein each audio clip is taken from a portion of its associated audio data file depending on a genre characteristic of the audio data file.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein each audio clip is played for a predetermined duration selectable by the user.

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6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein each audio clip continues to be played until the user selects to add or not add the associated audio data file corresponding to the currently playing audio clip to the playlist.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of allowing user selection of one of a plurality of playlists to which to include the identifying data.

8. (currently amended) A digital audio data player, comprising:
a data storage device for storing a plurality of digitally encoded audio data files;
a signal processing unit for receiving a selected collection of the stored digitally encoded audio data files _for potential inclusion in a playlist_, _sequentially_ decoding an audio clip of each one of the stored digitally encoded audio data files of the selected collection, and _sequentially_ playing the decoded audio clip of each one of the stored digitally encoded audio data files _to allow a user to determine which of the stored digitally encoded audio data files will be included in the playlist_;
a user input device for accepting user input; ~~and~~
a controller, coupled to the data storage device, the signal processing unit, and the user input device, for controlling the operation of the data storage device and the signal processing unit in response to user input[[.]] _; and_
wherein the controller allows inclusion of identifying data ~~representative of~~ _for_ the stored digitally encoded audio data file associated with a currently playing audio clip ~~to a playlist of digitally encoded audio data files~~ _in the playlist in response to user input while the currently playing audio clip is being played_.

9. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller allows inclusion of identifying data to a user selectable playlist of digitally encoded audio data files of a plurality of playlists of digitally encoded audio data files.

10. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to take each audio clip from a predetermined portion of its associated audio data file that is selectable by the user.

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11. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to take each audio clip from a portion of its associated audio data file according to an audio clip parameter of an associated data tag of the audio data file.

12. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to take each audio clip from a portion of its associated audio data file depending on a genre characteristic of the audio data file.

13. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to play each audio clip for a predetermined duration.

14. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to continue to play each audio clip until the user selects to add or not add the associated audio data file corresponding to the currently playing audio clip to the playlist.

15. (currently amended) In a digital audio data player, a method of compiling a playlist of digital audio data files, comprising the steps of:

allowing a user ~~selection of~~ to select a plurality of audio data files for potential inclusion in the playlist;

allowing the user to determine which of the selected audio data files will be included in the playlist by sequentially playing an audio clip from each one of the selected plurality of audio data files and detecting whether a user input is received while each audio clip is being played; and

~~during playing of an audio clip,~~ populating [[a]] the playlist with identifying data ~~representative of the stored~~ for the audio data file associated with ~~the currently playing~~ a first audio clip in response to detecting the user input while the first audio clip is being played.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of allowing user selection of one of a plurality of playlists to which to include the identifying data.

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17. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is taken from a predetermined portion of its associated audio data file selectable by the user.

18. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is taken from a portion of its associated audio data file according to an audio clip parameter of an associated data tag of the audio data file.

19. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is taken from a portion of its associated audio data file depending on a genre characteristic of the audio data file.

20. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is played for a predetermined duration selectable by the user.

21. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip continues to be played until the user selects to add or not add the associated audio data file corresponding to the currently playing audio clip to the playlist.

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